



The Hon. Joel R. Poinsett, a native of South Carolina, and one of her most gifted sons, during the latter part of the administration of John Quincy Adams, it will be remembered, represented the United States at the capital of Mexico, which was then much distracted by internal dissensions. While Mr. Poinsett resided there, the city was captured by one of the contending factions, and he and his family incurred no small degree of personal danger from the violence of the soldiers, by whom they were suspected of affording concealment to certain obnoxious individuals. In the height of the nullification controversy after his return, in an address delivered to the people of Charleston, the following eloquent passage occurs:

"Wherever I have been, I have been proud of being a citizen of this great republic, and, in the remotest corners of the earth, have walked erect and secure under that banner which our opponents would tear down and trample under foot. I was in Mexico when that city was taken by assault. The house of the American ambassador was then, as it ought to be, the refuge of the distressed and persecuted; it was pointed out to the infuriated soldiers as a place filled with their enemies. They rushed to the attack. My only defense was the flag of my country, and it was hung out at the instant that hundreds of muskets were leveled at us. Mr. Mason and myself placed ourselves beneath its waving folds. We did not blench, for we felt strong in the protecting arm of this mighty republic. We told them that the flag that waved over us was the banner of that nation to whose example they owed their liberty, and to whose protection they were indebted for their safety. The scene changed as by enchantment, and the men who were on the point of attacking my house and menacing the inhabitants, cheered the flag of this country, and placed sentinels to protect it from outrage. Fellow-citizens, in such a moment as that, would it have been any protection to me and mine to have proclaimed myself a Carolinian? Should I have been here to tell you this tale, if I had hung out the Palmetto and the single star? Be assured that to be respected abroad, we must maintain our place in the Union!"

His First Firecracker.



Over thirty-five thousand persons in Illinois belong to associations interested in preserving and fostering the birds of the state.

SAYINGS and DOINGS

Rights of Sick Children.

Judge Tutthill holds that an adult when ill is at liberty to resort to medicine, prayer, witchcraft, or anything else which he may believe will cure him. He is a free agent and must be allowed to exercise his freedom, though it be to his own harm. With a minor, especially one of tender years, the case is different. In the opinion of the Judge, children when sick should be given that medical care which it is the general belief will be of service to them, and if they are subjected to long-continued suffering, with no opportunity given to a doctor to endeavor to alleviate it, the courts should step in for the protection of the sufferer.

There is no question that this is the law at this time. Whether it is to remain the law will depend upon whether future generations believe that a sick person has a better chance of recovery with a doctor than without one. That is the belief of the great majority of the people of this generation. There are some who have no faith whatever in drugs or doctors, believing them useless if not harmful, but they are the minority, and minorities do not make laws. It is their duty to obey laws, no matter how absurd the laws may seem to them.

It may be in the opinion of these persons an interference with their rights as parents or an interference with their religious beliefs for a Judge to give orders that a doctor shall be allowed to care for a child of theirs who has rheumatism or fever or hip disease. Interference of this kind is legal, and from the point of view of most people is mere common humanity.

Servant Girl's Union.

Sophia Becker is the young and rather prepossessing woman who is working



MISS SOPHIA BECKER.

to aid the servants of Chicago in forming a union. For over fifteen years she has been employed in the shoe factory of Phelps, Dodge & Palmer, and their successors, the Edwards-Stanwood Shoe Company. She was born in Chicago of German parents, and for the last five years has taken an active part in the Woman's League of the Federation of Labor.

Midair Cycling.

Charles Murphy, who is known as "Mile-a-Minute" Murphy, is planning a new bicycle feat, which will make all his others seem tame.

He will ride a bicycle from New York to Brooklyn over a narrow pathway two feet wide, strung on slender, swaying wires between the piers of the new East River bridge. On this unsteady pathway, high in the air, the venturesome rider will make a flying trip. Murphy, in speaking of the plan, said: "It may seem a foolhardy thing to attempt, but for my own part I shall not stop to think of the way, the height or the danger. I did not in following the trail, and I came out all right. My work for the last few years on a home trainer of the roller sort enables me to steer a wheel without minding the sway of the wires. On



that high-strung bridge, though it sways fearfully, I feel that I will be able to ride just as steadily as I did back of the train. My nerves never trouble me. I have them under perfect control at all times. I am eager to make the trial, and am confident that it will go through without a single jar or break."

Aluminum Houses.

A Klondike man conceived the idea of making small houses of aluminum, and carried out the idea by having sheets of proper size made for shipment there. The lightness of the white metal, combined with the manner in which it could be stowed away, had recommended itself as being superior to any other material. At the Pan-American exposition visitors will have the opportunity of seeing a small building made of aluminum.

"VILLAGE POSTMASTER" RAIN.

The Way the Stage Rainmaker Brings It and Disposes of It.

Many who have witnessed the performance of "The Village Postmaster" in the Great Northern theater have wondered how it was possible to turn real water on the stage in the first act without completely flooding the theater and the dressing rooms and all the people who failed to run away in time, says the Chicago Chronicle. The rain storm is manufactured by a very simple device and, while about ten barrels of water falls during the storm, there is no flood, and everything is so well arranged that none of the performers gets even damp unless some accident occurs.

Two perforated iron pipes reaching entirely across the stage are concealed in the floor, where they take up little room, one about six feet behind the other. When the signal is given for the storm the water is turned on and pours down upon the stage. From the front it looks as though the entire stage were deluged. Behind the scenes, however, it can be seen that the water is coming down in two streams. Onlookers see Frank Mordant, the village postmaster, standing in the rain, and they wonder how he dries his costume to use it for another act. In reality Mr. Mordant is standing between two lines of "rain" and does not get wet at all, although he occasionally puts his umbrella under the falling water in order to heighten the realistic effect.

The water falls upon a big rubber blanket which is lying on the stage at the opening of the act. In the center of this blanket is a brass funnel leading through a hole in the stage to an outlet below. The moment the curtain falls a dozen stage hands seize the blanket and lift up the corners, so that the water is drained off very quickly. The stage is left perfectly dry and it takes only about two minutes longer to set the next scene than it would under ordinary circumstances. A rain storm was first successfully imitated in this country when "The Village Postmaster" was produced. The effect had been obtained in European theaters before, but only by deluging the stage and all the members of the company, a process that made the stage rain storm both unpopular and unprofitable.

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The new member of the West Denver board of education, after an elaborate examination says the board is not so black as it has been represented to be, and that the original board of education is the blackboard.

The admirer of Eugene Field will be interested in a new volume of verses by him published by Tandy, Wheeler & Co. on Denver. The verses were originally printed in the Denver Tribune when Mr. Field was on its editorial staff. Many of the poems have a local interest to Coloradans in addition to their literary merit. All of them are permeated with that sympathy and humor which was such a marked characteristic of his later work. We understand the advance sale of this book has been very large, and it will undoubtedly run through several editions.

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It is not true that the irrigation congress was postponed because there is no irrigation in Colorado Springs. There are the druggists.

EAT QUININE BY THE OUNCE.

Residents Along the Mexican Coast Consume Vast Quantities.

"The quantity of quinine taken by foreigners on the southeastern coast of Mexico is something incredible," said a resident of this city who is interested in coffee culture in the sister republic. "There is a general belief among the Americans and English all through that region that the drug is necessary for the preservation of life, and they keep full of it from one year's end to another."

"They generally keep the stuff in rubber tobacco pouches, to protect it from perspiration, and when they feel like taking a dose they dig in, with one of those spatulated knives that they all carry and swallow as much as they see fit. As they go entirely by guess it is hard to say how much will be taken in the course of a day, but I have weighed the amount that can be lifted on the ordinary knife blade and found it to range between twenty-five and fifty grains. You see, quinine is as compressible as cotton, and two wads of it that look about the same size will vary 100 per cent. in weight. One would suppose, as a matter of course, that such enormous quantities of the drug would produce an intolerable ringing in the head, but, strange to say, they do nothing of the kind. The average white man down there who keeps under the influence all the time experiences nothing except a slight feeling of exhilaration—at least so I was assured by dozens of half-breeds. Whether the use of the stuff is of any real benefit is something I am skeptical about. I never took a grain of it myself, and I was the only man on our plantation who didn't have a touch of fever."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Germany's Population.

In the matter of population Germany (53,245,000) ranks after European Russia (106,159,000) and the United States (76,300,000).

The New Bicycle.

Bicycle manufacturers state that the bicycle for this year will be practically the same model as 1900, as improvement seems to be impossible. Precisely the same is true of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It represents the limits of science, and it is impossible to make a better medicine for the stomach, liver, kidneys and blood. Try it for dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation, flatulency, or sour stomach, and you will be convinced. Never take a substitute.

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